

**Transfiguration Sunday**  
**Little Prairie United Methodist Church**  
**February 11, 2024, 9:30 a.m.**



*Dazzling Bright*

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Our vision: Creating a welcoming community that worships well, disciples well, and serves well; transforming the world for Jesus Christ.

**WELCOME AND GATHERING**

**Gathering Music**

*"Holy Ground" by Geron Davis arr. Mark Hayes*

*Luann Alderks*

**Welcome**

*Pastor Penny Bonsell*

**Centering Time**

**Call to Worship**

We gather here today to worship our mighty God!

**We gather to be transformed; to climb the spiritual mountains of life and see the brightness in the ways of Christ.**

To seek and explore these mountain-top experiences and to hear God's divine voice.  
**But what do we do if we are afraid, or weak at the knees, or feel we are not good enough to climb this spiritual mountain? What if we have a fear of heights?**  
Know that Jesus Christ is with us, to hold and guide us, every step of the way.

**Hymn of Praise**     *Christ, Whose Glory Fills the Skies (UMH # 173)*     **All**

### **Opening Prayer**

O God, we open our eyes and we see Jesus, the months of ministry transfigured to a beam of light, the light of the world, your light.

#### **May your light shine upon us.**

We open our eyes and we see Moses and Elijah, your word restoring us, showing us the way, telling a story, your story, his story, our story.

#### **May your word speak to us.**

We open our eyes and we see mist, the cloud of your presence which assures us of all we do not know and that we do not need to fear that.

#### **Teach us to trust.**

We open our eyes and we see Peter's constructions, his best plans, our best plans, our missing the point, our missing the way.

#### **Forgive our foolishness and falling away**

We open our eyes and we see Jesus, not casting us off, but leading us down, leading us out -to ministry, to people. Your love endures forever.

**We open our ears and we hear your voice, 'This is my beloved Son, listen to him!'**  
**And we give you thanks. Amen**

### **Sharing the Peace**

### **Children's Moment**

## **THE WORD**

**Psalm 50:1-6**

**Mark 9:2-9**

**Message**

*"Dazzling Bright"*

*Pastor Penny Bonsell*

## RESPONSE TO THE WORD

**Hymn**

*Hail to the Lord's Anointed UMH #203*

*All*

### **Joys and Concerns and Prayers of the People**

Holy One, we come before you, many of us feeling like we have climbed just a part of the mountain, and there is so much more of a climb left to even get to point to dream that we might be dazzled by what is Divine. Our loads are heavy, with worry, with regret, with fatigue, with illness, with despair for all in the world that is hurting, in danger, in bondage and more.

**We trudge ahead, following you,**

stumbling, hoping, praying...breathing hard, hearts pounding, and even skipping.

**Lead us Lord, to the top of that mountain, where we might be dazzled by your**

**Light, lifted by what is Divine,**

filled by the sheer delight of what is numinous and ethereal and grounded and real.

**We pray this, for ourselves, for one another, and for the world in which we live in.**

**Amen.**

**Offering**

*"Open Our Eyes" by Robert Cull arr. Mark Hayes*

*Luann Alderks*

**Doxology**

*Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow(UMH # 95)*

*All*

### **Prayer of Thanksgiving**

Gracious God of infinite patience, we see you in every plant that grows and blossoms, every creature that runs or flies, in mountains and sunsets and in every drop of rain that falls. Creation is not something that happened, but something that is happening every day.

**As we remember Christ's transfiguration, we stand in awe of the glimpse of your glory revealed on the mountain.**

Just as Peter, James, and John witnessed the radiant presence of Christ, we, too, are transformed by your love and grace.

**As we offer our tithes and offerings, may these gifts reflect the warming light of your love in our lives.**

Just as Jesus was transfigured before them, may our hearts be transformed, and our actions reflect the love and truth Jesus embodies.

**Bless our giving and use it to bring your divine light to a world in need. In the name of Jesus, our Lord, we pray. Amen.**

And the Prayer in which Christ unites us . . .

### **The Lord's Prayer**

**Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power and the glory forever. Amen.**

**Hymn**

*Turn Your Eyes upon Jesus UMH # 349*

*All*

### **SENDING**

Beloved, go now in the strength and power of what you have witnessed in this place knowing that the glory that leads us into transition also comforts us in our growing pains and sustains us as we journey. May a stranger see in you a friend and neighbor. God sends you, the Spirit fills you, Christ goes with you and you with Christ, always and everywhere. **Amen.**

**God Bless! Go in love, joy, and peace. Shalom. Amen.**

**Postlude**

*"Shine, Jesus Shine" by Graham Kendrick arr. Mark Hayes*

*Luann Alderks*

### **INFORMATION**

Pastor: Penny Bonsell, Administrator: Sara French

Music Director and pianist: Luann Alderks

Youth Director: Theresa Siemers, assistants Maddy Heinz-Kline and Kory Larson,

Admin Council Chair: Kevin Larson, Admin Secretary: Sue Rollins

SPRC Chair: Deb Little, Treasurer: Lori Noreen

Finance Committee Chair: Larry Alderks, Trustees Chair: Tom Stowe, Missions: Karen

Nelson, Outreach and Nurture Chair: Jeff Sartor

Snow shoveling duties for Feb 11-17<sup>th</sup>: Larry Alderks

**Website**



**Online giving**



## **UPCOMING EVENTS:**

Mon. Feb 12, 8:30 am: Breakfast Club, L& M (every Monday)

Wed Feb 14, 7 pm: Ash Wednesday worship service

Sat Feb 17, 9 am: Soul Sisters (see Theresa Siemers for details)

Mon, Feb 19, 7pm Admin Council

Wed Feb 21, 5:30 pm: Lenten Soup Suppers begin

Fri Feb 23, 5:30 pm Youth Group

Fri March 22, 3-8:00 pm: Fish Dinner **tickets required.**

**If you would like to help, talk to Christina Keilen, Emily Burt, or Lori Larson.**

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